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"I THOUGHT IT SLEPT."

I saw the infant clench—soft it lay,
As it was wont, within its cradle, now
Dreaming with restless tossing forever. A night so strange!

Only my young breast sank—and pain, and cold
Upon the babe that more. I thought it slept—
And yet its little bosom did not move!
I bent me down—I laid
But close my arms closed; then softly clasp'd its hand;
But more it would not clasp. What should I do?
"Wake, brother, wake!" I then in trouble, cried;
"Open thine eyes, and look on me again!"
He would not hear my voice. All pale beside
My weeping mother sat, "and pass'd into God's
Unutterable things." "Will he not wake?"
I sigh'd and said. She answer'd but with tears.
Then saw no one, as I thought, but placed
Even-meat—now on the babe once more were fix'd,
And now on me: then, with reservative sigh
And tender look, she turn'd to my father at her arms,
And in a tone of anguish, faintly said—
"My dearest boy, thy brother does not sleep;
He's dead! I know not what it means, but more
To know I sought not. For the words so sad—
Dead! dead!—were to my mind as words in vain,
I felt a thing unknown before; and tears
That sought might have shed, sigh'd deep, and silent wonder'd.

HENRY PICKERING.

The Merchant's Clerk.

Passages from the Diary of a late London Physician.

(CONTINUED FROM OUR LAST NUMBER.)

I felt sure that there was some secret and powerful cause for this change. I had observed often thought of the expressions she had carefully treasured up in my memory. I had often of them married against the wishes of a proud and unbending family! I little did I think that I had on that night to be introduced to and become acquainted with Mrs. Elliot, and a professional friend of her family! I was struck at the sight of their present sufferings! But I anticipate. I must not particularize the scene, nor the first acquaintance

REIGN VARIETIES.

National debt of England, $3,600,000,000.
Interest, $400,000,000. Population, 30,000,000.
Of Americans, 60,000,000. Of Turkey 40,000,000.
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A Giant is exhibiting himself in Holland. He is eight feet 7 inches high, and weighs 416 lbs.

Economy.—A gentleman in Holden, who uses tobacco, makes the most of it. He chews it until its substance is entirely exhausted, and then uses it in his pipe and smokes it. He also uses the ashes in his coffee.

Mrs. Fox, late widow of the late Right Honorable Charles J. Fox, is still living, and in good health, at St. Ann's hill, Chertsey, Surrey. She has entered upon her eighty-ninth year.

A few days since a child was christened in the parish church of St. Thomas, Exeter, by the Rev. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart. Donna Maria de Glorie Johanna Charlotta Leopoldine Josepha Sophia Francesca Xaviera Pia Francisca Michaela Gabriella Rafaela Louisa Gonzaga, Salisbury Herald.

A woman at Nort gave birth last week to a child which had an eye; the nose was so flat as to be scarcely perceptible, and the mouth, so small as to look only like a horse chestnut.

Mad Dogs.—In Hunterdon, instead of the common muzzle, which irritates the dog by keeping his mouth closed, and also prevents him from drinking, they wear a kind of wire cage bag, strapped rather tight to the head, which does not confine the mouth, and which permits drinking. With this guard a dog cannot bite. The expense is very trifling. A similar muzzle is used in Belgium.

Churches in London.—A subscription has been opened in London on the recommendation of the Bishop of London for the erection of fifty new churches in the metropolis. A long list of subscriptions is advertised, amounting to more than £50,000 already obtained. At the head of which is the name of the King, who subscribes £1,000, and the Duke £500. The Archbishop of Canterbury subscribes £1,000, the Bishop of London £1,000, and "a Clergyman seeking treasure in heaven," £5,000.

Steinel.—Kept all the misfortune incident to life, and do thinks I, constantly prepare myself to expect still another that all must die. Never, by any means, set your heart on any thing trivial; for love any material thing. Boston Post.

"Man Jack," said a farmer the other day in the neighborhood of Glasgow, to his ploughman, "her you're an unco' slow fellow."

"Vara true, maister," said Jock, "but ye ken nothing to spoon," but I am a real tiger at the plough."

The parents which Charles XII. of Sweden were at the battle of Pultowa, and which were preserved by Count Rosen, who accompanied him to Bender, were sold at Edinburgh, in 1825, for 22,000.

A verdict of one hundred and fifty pounds has been recovered against the Mayor of Truro, for false imprisonment. The plaintiff was arrested and brought before the Mayor just as his worship was going to bed, on a charge of making a disturbance in the street. His worship refused to hear the case that night, and ordered the plaintiff to be locked up till morning; and this was the false imprisonment for which he had to pay £150.

An successful attempt has lately been made at the Barriere des Merrys in Paris to find water by boring to the depth of 1800 feet. The experiment however has been made subservient to some investigations on subterranean temperature made by M. Arago, who by means of a register thermometer, has satisfied himself that temperature regularly increases from the surface of the earth towards its centre, so that at the depth of 60 miles all known substances must exist in a state of fusion. According to this rate, water, if found 1800 feet down, would be sufficiently heated to serve for supplying warm baths, washing, cooking, and various domestic uses.

Observation on one's Grave.—A Bishop paper tells the following story of one Samuel Baldwin,—a resident of Hampshire, England, who had a young wife who had a naughty habit of telling lies, whom she got weaned—that was pretty certain, but she would dance upon his grave! Samuel bethought himself of a way to cheat the young gossiping, by ordering in his will that, after his decease, his body should be thrown into the sea to feed the Nereides.

A Lady in the House of Commons.—The late Lady Noel Gordon, baroness, believed a desire to see, for once, the House, that she was debarred from by the expedient of entering the gallery habited as a man. She accordingly procured the Member's private order, and waited on the House, with a friend, for that purpose. But, when she reached the door, she found that there existed a standing order of the House, against the admission of ladies into the gallery. Prey imagine the fury of the Duchess, "whether there existed any standing order for turning a lady out of your rooms or not?"—"not to effectually possess Mr. Colquhoun of the offended female, and of the adventurous lady in quiet enjoyment of her place.

Fatal Struggle.—Terrence Brannigan and Davy Dougherty were sworn brothers, and reckoned very much of the compliment; and having a pecuniary quarrel between them, they went to a corner, stripped to make apologies. "It was I," to battle, Davy my jewel, says Terrence. "By the Holy Poker! it was mine," says Davy, "for I'm all mane," says Terrence. "Do you deny it then?" "Do you reflect on my manhood, you rapparee?" "If you don't take a gentleman apology like that," says Davy, hitting, "I'll be the death of you." "Is it so?" says Terrence a check cocked his pate, which Terrence returned with interest, and was the country by any of the combatants.—*Southern Literary Messenger.*

Extraordinary Scene.—In the course of a trial at York, England, a most extraordinary scene occurred. For a little girl was under examination, and Judge cut in a very wild and infuriated manner. Instantly from the body of the court arose a female, who, it next jumped on the bench, and with distracted gesticulations, and in a fury, it with rapid descent on the head of one of the learned counsel, inflicting a scratch upon his forehead with its claws, and then on one of the learned gentlemen asserted." The mark of the claws is visible. This outrage was the signal for a general movement among the "professors," when some interfered, regardless of all dignity and decorum, dashed away among the fowls from the bar table; from thence it made its way into the court-box and almost instantly quitted the court.—It was some minutes before business was resumed, and the country by any of the parties in court being almost convulsed with laughter.

Sale of a Wife.—A man, about 40 years of age, of shabby-genteel exterior, led a well looking young woman, about thirty years of age, with a halter round her waist, to Smithfield market, and there offered her for sale. She was about to offer to the highest bidder, but several persons interfering to prevent the sale, the discontented couple agreed to go forthwith to Islington market, to accomplish their object, and to order to evade the police, they jumped into a hackney coach, and were driven off at full speed to the market where the marriage was to be dissolved. They were followed by a young man of genteel appearance, from the Smithfield scene, who, seeing the wife tied up at Islington market for sale, bid for her, but he was outbid by several more, but, unfortunately, he became the purchaser of the lot for 5s. and conveyed her home to his own lodgings. The husband and wife parted here, whistling merrily, declaring he had got rid of a troublesome, nasty woman, and the husband gay of his life.—*London Bell's Mess.*

The little commune of Jarville, near Nancy, was not long since the scene of a crime unparalleled in those parts and the result of which is most happily, did not equate with the diabolical sentiment of the perpetrator. At the hour of three in the morning, Mme. Madeline Georges, sister from St. Nicolas de Nancy, hearing a knock at the door, called under the window, jumped out of bed, and received a letter from an unknown person containing a box directed to Mlle. a publican in the village, the carriage was paid beforehand, with earnest requests that the parcel should be faithfully delivered to Madame Ille. The commission was performed punctually by Mlle., a lady of 50, supposing it must be a present from the box which had been examined by the police at Nancy, immediately untied the cord, the box was found it, and in the presence of her mother, was about to break with a knife the two hooks which held down the cover. The first hook was easily unclosed, but at the moment that the blade was put to the second a terrible detonation took place, and the two women were violently struck by splinters of the box, and by the contents of the box, the mother on the chin. The explosion was so violent that the house, the roof, the doors, the windows, and the knife was shattered in Mlle.'s hand. Justice is on the track of the author of the infernal machine, and the two women have been put together. It consisted of a gun stock to the spring of which was attached one corresponding with the hook; this spring acted on a sort of copper box which also held powder and shot, that the whole was fixed between two thick pieces of wood, and covered over with tightly nailed boards.—*French paper.*

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To Correspondents.

We have received several "Contributions" from our correspondents. We, however, are obliged to defer their publication until the answers are furnished us.

We have such acknowledged the receipt of a communication from a correspondent who signs himself the 'Milford Bard.' The gentleman who possessed that name, will please to inform us whether the 'Milford Bard' was an old and valued correspondent of the Post, who will therefore pardon the plainness of this notice, or a new one, acknowledging his very acceptable communication.

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Dreadful Storm.—The storm which has been committed on Thursday is supposed to be the original of the above description. Prey imagine the fury of the storm, when it could produce such effects. They will be found particulars of this person. They will be found here and, and the Coroner having been notified of the circumstances, will no doubt prosecute the matter to the full extent of the law. Mr. Samuel Ackerly, was yesterday morning, found dead in her bed

JACKSONISM'S SATURDAY EVENING POST.

PHILADELPHIA:
Saturday, September 24, 1836.

TO POSTMASTERS, SUBSCRIBERS AND OTHERS.

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Agents.—Mr. William Ogden, of Newark, New Jersey, has resigned the agency of this publication. Subscribers at Newark will please remit their subscriptions direct to the publisher in Philadelphia, until another agent may be appointed.

The National Atlas has regularly progressed in the acquisition of patronage since its establishment, and promises to compete with the most popular periodicals of the day. It appears, however, that a large proportion of the communicants are strongly opposed to the circulation of a paper on the Sabbath, although they say the natural process of printing it does not interfere with the occasional observances of that day.

We are free to confess that we mistook the public feeling, when we supposed that a desire existed for a Sunday publication that should supply the void that occurs by the suspension of the daily publications on the Sabbath morning.

We shall, therefore, in compliance with the general sentiment, change the day of publication from Sunday to *Tuesday* after the first Tuesday in October next,—satisfied that, while no one will object to the change, it will meet with the approbation of a large portion of the community.

The title of the work will also undergo revision.

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If four or more copies are ordered at one time, and the year's subscription be enclosed with the order, then $2.50 nett, free of discount, commission, postage or charges, will be received as a year's subscription.

A very handsome colored Map of North America, including the United States, Mexico, British Possessions &c. will accompany the first number, issued in October.

It will be followed by other well engraved Maps on the first of each month.

The first numbers of the publication have run out. In future such subscription will commence with the month in which the subscription is received directing it to commence at a later period.

The cars on the Rail-road in Third street, went into operation, for the first time, on Wednesday last.

THE ELECTION.

The respective political parties have taken the field and commenced active preparations for the General Election. The election will be held next day to day both Tickets, as far as ascertained. It is of importance that every person entitled to vote, should see that his name be on the printed list for his respective ward.

The Sheriff has caused a number of lists of voters to be posted up in each ward, a great many of which have been torn down by evil disposed persons. Similar lists, however, are to be found in many of the hotels, and each person should see that his name is inserted, or take measures, for that purpose, agreeably to the requirement of the law. The Inspectors and Assessors will give all the necessary information.

AMUSEMENTS, &c.

Mr. Harrington, from New York, will open at the American Museum, at the corner of Chestnut and Fifth street early next week a series of moving panoramic views. These views have attracted a great number of visitors, and has proved more popular in N. York, it is said, than any other exhibition for some years past. It is believed the representation will be duly appreciated in this city.

Mr. Howard, the vocalist, gives a concert next Monday evening at the Musical Fund Hall. Mr. H. will be assisted by Mrs. and Miss Watson, who will sing all their favorite airs; Mr. Burton of the Walnut will sing with Miss Dempster. Mr. Burton will sing with Miss Watson, a comic Duet, which with the other entertainments, will give a pleasant variety to the evening's entertainment.

PORTRAIT OF EDWIN FORREST.

Mr. C. Alexander of the Athenian buildings, Prince Place, has just published a very handsome lithographic likeness of Edwin Forrest, the tragedian, drawn on stone by A. Newsham, from a very beautiful painting by T. Sully, Jr.

It will be for sale at the "Head Quarters," and the principal print shops of the city.

"*Rollin, the Reefer.*"—Though perhaps inferior to some of Capt. Marryatt's other works, it is nevertheless full of humor and sterling incidents.

The gallant Captain begins to dispute with our own Cooper the mastery of the seas.

Gil Blas.—The Harpers have recently published an edition of the inimitable work of Le Sage, with illustrations of Cruikshank.

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